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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 25, 1882, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Thursday May 25th, (1882) My darling Alec:

I have been busy all the morning writing letters and think it but fair that you should get one too. You poor fellow I am so sorry for you so worried and working so hard. Only my own don't over do the business, dear do take care of yourself. I feel quite worried about you there without me and wish I could go up to you. But I am glad you did not let me for I am afraid the air would be too damp for Daisy now. I had such a dear cabelgram from Mamma which I enclose. It actually made me cry to think how loving and thoughtful she is for us so far away and amid so many nearer and more pressing cares. Isn't she a lovely lovely mother. Dear little boy Bell I do wish I could be as good a wife and mother. As a way of learning how to manage your grown-up son when you get him do keep watch of Mr. Johnson I do like him so much. I think he is one of the kindest and best hearted fellows going and I should feel so badly if any harm came to him from coming with us. He says he could hardly think more of his own father than he does of you. Try and act that part or rather the part of an elder brother to him, I think he would do anything for you.

My children are very well indeed indeed and we have had good weather until today when it is very wet. I had a note from Mr. Carpenter, he is coming to call tomorrow. Also one from Mr. Brand; he wants us to dine with him, unfortunately he goes to Scotland Monday. Everybody seems going to Scotland now. The dishonored note has reached me. It was not endorsed to you but Maples name was on the back so I suppose that is alright.

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I was going to take Mrs. Home out driving today but it is too damp.

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You have had a letter from your father which I wont send because it contains a proposal which I had rather you did not act upon until I see you. It is nothing very important. Then after all I had better send it to you but dont do anything until you return I dont want you to go away from me.

Take care of yourself my darling and come home soon to your loving, Mabel.

Elsie her mark & kiss